Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Healthcare employment growth in the United States between 2000 and 2010 is projected to be 25.5 percent while all other industry segments are projected to have a combined employment growth of 16.5 percent; and,

Whereas, In South Dakota, nearly all healthcare professions are projected to see double digit percent growth between 2000 and 2010; and,

Whereas, The explosion of technology in healthcare and an unprecedented aging population contribute to this healthcare workforce shortage; and,

Whereas, A recent survey by the South Dakota Department of Health indicates vacancies and turnovers have a significant adverse impact on healthcare facilities, causing burnout among existing staff and increasing costs related to hiring and training; and,

Whereas, Today's students have opportunities to begin preparation for a healthcare career as early as high school; and,

Whereas, Students' academic achievement can be strengthened through health science applications; and,

Whereas, Students expanding their career knowledge leading to wise career decision-making through support of the partnerships formed between healthcare stakeholders and educators; and,

Whereas, Strengthening partnerships between educators and healthcare professionals is essential to ensuring that students are prepared to meet current and projected staffing needs:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 9-13, 2004, as

HEALTHCARE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EDUCATION WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State